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In re Application of:

Steven J. Romme et al.

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For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REFILLING A DISPENSER

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3651

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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